

committee members will be in contact with those who have indicated their availability to serve. Thank you for the variety of baking offered.

Community News

Ngati Maniapoto Marae Pact Trust

Otorohanga Lifestyle Options every Tuesday 10.00am - 12.30pm, Senior Citizens Hall, Hinewai Street, Ph June Waretini 07 878 0028.

Come and join us for low impact fitness classes, morning tea and a chat plus health and diabetes checks, open to anyone!

Smoking Cessation Group 9am-12.30pm Tuesday & Thursday, Ph Donna Harris 07 878 0028. Provides products and support. Referrals accepted, no age restrictions.

Craft Group 10am-12.30pm Thursday only. All welcome, for further information please Ph Donna 07 8780028 or Missy Harris 021 1888992.

Scone Morning/Happy Feet Next Clinic: Thursday 6 June then every following 6 weeks 10am-12.30pm - All welcome.

Skoota Jamm Day at Te Kuiti Family Sk8 Park, Sunday 12 May from 11am.

Music, Demos, Spot prizes, BBQ for sale (with proceeds going to Te Kuiti Bluelight trip to Rainbows End). All welcome.

Te Kuiti Police and Sport Waikato are calling all school age kids to bring your scooters along to the Te Kuiti Family Skate Park and join in the fun. Inquiries to Dede (Sport Waikato) Ph 878 7867 or Leesa (Te Kuiti Police) 878 1450.

Te Kuiti Gymsports is having sessions in preparation for the Waitomo Schools Gymsport festival to be held on Monday 9 September at Waitomo Stadium, Te Kuiti. Sessions will start on Monday 20 May at 3.30pm and will be \$2 per child. Children will need to bring a supportive adult to help with the equipment and safety of participants. Your kids get to learn awesome skills that could make them better at playing sports in the future. Let's all get involved in this awesome event.

Board of Trustees News

Currently there are no nominations for the Board of Trustees parent representatives. If we do not have any parent representatives available to stand on the Board, the Ministry of Education will instate a Commissioner or Limited Statutory Manager, which we do not want to happen.

Please have your nominations in to the school office by **Thursday 16 May**.

What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

13 May	Hockey open day session
14 May	Board meeting
16 May	Nominations to be received by this day
23 May	National Young Leaders Day

Mrs Tamae Dimond
Principal ☺



Newsletter

Counter Box 49
Waitomo Caves

Mobile 027 391 0746

Phone (07) 878 7534
Fax (07) 878 7219

Whaia te ara totika – Make the Right Choice

Term Two 2013

Week One – 10 May

Dear Parents, Caregiver, Whanau and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to Term 2. We have begun with quite a few changes. Firstly we welcome new entrants Hazel Kersel-Stubbs and Taneisha Davis. Welcome Richard and Biddy, and Raymond and Jane to our parent community.

Also welcome back to school principal release teacher Mrs Felicity Steger. Welcome to Mr Colin Pepperell who is teaching guitar and Whaea Te Ingo who will lead our Maori Performing Arts programme.

We farewell Tasha Hona who attends school in Hamilton and Tyden Barrett-Marino who is now living in Auckland. We wish you well at your new schools.

Kauri Class Block

The Kauri block upgrade was completed over the holiday break. If you haven't seen our new and improved areas please come and have a look. The Ministry of Education funded this project which involved changes in the children's and staff toilets, senior classroom, admin office and foyer entrance.

Thanks again to the wonderful helpers who shifted furniture at our working



**WAITOMO
GLOW WORM
CAVES**
NEW ZEALAND



• Private Bag 501, Otorohanga.

• Telephone (07) 878-8227 • Facsimile (07) 878 8858

Proudly Supporting Waitomo Caves School

bee afternoon last term and thank you Alannah, Batch, James and Reuben for helping to get things back in order again. Thank you to the property committee for working on this project and in particular a special thank you to Alannah and Batch who oversaw the project and managed the upgrade on a daily basis during the past four weeks.



Winter Sports

The Saturday morning soccer competition begins tomorrow. All players have uniforms and the seasons draw. Training days are Friday's afterschool at school and the domain. Siblings or non-players are to make their usual going home afterschool plans. If siblings are waiting for their brothers or sisters who are training, they must wait with their parent or caregiver who will be their responsibility. Thank you Adrian, Julian and Steve for committing to coaching again this year. Like last season, each team has a named lunch box that will be distributed between families from time to time to supply oranges for half time. Please do not use this for sweets, lollies or chocolates.

Hockey begins on Monday 13 May with an open day. All hockey players are welcome at this session to be held at Te Kuiti High School at 3.30pm. The intermediate team play on Wednesday and the junior team play on Thursday's. The FunSticks (Year 1 & 2) children gather on Thursday at 3.40pm. Children have their uniforms and draw for the season. Training will be from 3.00pm to 4.00pm on Monday's starting Monday 20 May. Thank you James and Jamie for committing to coaching these teams.

Bus

The school bus has upgraded to a bigger bus due to the increase of students using it. Our bus driver, Bonnie, has an extra run on Thursday afternoons which means she will leave school a little later than usual. Please expect your children to be dropped off on Thursday afternoons approximately 10-15 minutes later.

Thank you for continuing to follow the procedures regarding the school driveway. Children getting picked up from the area at the end of the field along the road side are moving carefully and are aware of the safety issues.

For our new families, the school driveway and limited parking area is designated for the school bus, staff and disabled parking. However, please be aware that if you need to see staff and have little ones waiting in the car, as long as the bus has departed, parked up or done its thing, park in the disabled park. Do not leave children in vehicles along the road front.

The bus returns at 3.50pm daily to park in the school car park. Please refrain from parking in the school car park, particularly along the hedge line around this time as Bonnie needs space to park the bus appropriately.

Also a reminder that pedestrians are not allowed to walk up or down the driveway at anytime. For your own safety and the safety of others use the pathway.

Leadership Days

This year some senior students will be attending the Young Leaders Conference held on Thursday 23 May in Auckland. The National Young Leaders Days are both inspirational and practical. The Halogen Foundation selects a group of high profile personalities to speak and interact with the students. The speaking team consists of top leaders in business, sport, politics, community service, science and the arts. Students are challenged not only to reach their own personal goals but the goals of those they are leading. We trust our senior students who are attending will be inspired and willing to share what they have learnt when they return.

Thank You

Thank you to the Waitomo Rugby Sports and Recreation Club and Bailey Ingham for providing drink bottles to our winter sports teams this year.

Pool Keys

Pool keys need to be returned as soon as possible. Preferably by the end of next week would be great. Thank you to Batch for the wonderful job in maintaining the school pool over the season and for the great job he did in painting the pool and repairing/replacing parts.

ACKMA Fundraiser

Thank you for the prompt response from families regarding afternoon teas which we will be providing the ACKMA Conference guests. Fundraising